

Table S-1. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients, by primary status, median salary, and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Primary education and employment status				Median salary for full-time employed ¹
		Full-time student	Not full-time student			
			Employed in science and engineering	Employed in other occupation	Not employed and not full-time student	
All science and engineering fields.....	708,900	150,300	148,600	375,800	34,200	\$27,500
Major type						
Total science.....	593,800	135,200	73,200	355,100	30,200	25,000
Total engineering.....	115,100	15,200	75,400	20,700	3,900	38,000
Major field						
Computer and information sciences.....	41,000	S	23,400	14,000	S	38,000
Life and related sciences, total.....	139,000	43,000	15,100	74,300	6,500	23,500
Agricultural and food sciences.....	14,000	1,800	1,600	10,200	S	23,500
Biological sciences.....	115,300	40,100	11,800	57,600	5,800	23,000
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	9,700	S	S	6,600	S	25,000
Mathematical and related sciences.....	26,800	5,100	4,000	16,900	S	28,000
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,600	14,000	9,500	11,900	1,200	27,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	8,600	5,200	5,700	S	27,000
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	9,200	2,200	2,400	4,200	S	25,000
Physics and astronomy.....	6,900	3,100	1,900	1,800	S	31,200
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	138,000	32,800	8,700	89,400	7,100	22,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	212,400	38,000	12,500	148,600	13,400	25,000
Economics.....	33,300	3,500	3,300	25,300	S	30,000
Political science and related sciences.....	72,900	16,300	3,500	49,000	4,100	26,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	66,900	11,100	S	46,600	5,800	21,500
Other social sciences.....	39,300	7,000	2,500	27,600	2,300	25,000
Engineering, total.....	115,100	15,200	75,400	20,700	3,900	38,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	3,000	700	1,500	800	S	35,500
Chemical engineering.....	11,600	2,000	7,500	1,700	S	42,000
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,700	2,800	13,000	4,200	S	32,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	32,900	3,400	23,000	5,100	S	40,000
Industrial engineering.....	5,800	500	3,800	1,400	S	37,000
Mechanical engineering.....	27,900	3,000	19,900	4,200	S	39,000
Other engineering.....	13,200	2,800	6,800	3,300	S	35,700

¹ Salary data for the following groups are not included in the table: self-employed persons, full-time students, and people whose principal job was less than 35 hours per week. Salary data are for principal job only.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997